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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, UR, WZ  
SUBJECT: DRAWING AFRICAN ATTENTION TO SOVIET ACTIVITY IN THE HORN

REF: STATE 214253

1. IN TOUR D'HORIZON SEPTEMBER 8 WITH A.V. MAMBA, UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, I ASKED FOR HOST GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON SOVIET ARMS ACTIVITY IN THE HORN. MAMBA SAID GOS WAS OPPOSED BUT WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO MAKE ISOLATED DECLARATION TO THAT EFFECT. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD BE DRAFTING SWAZI UNGA DELEGATION SPEECH AND VOLUNTEERED TO INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT WOULD DEPLORE FOREIGN ACTIVITY THAT WAS FUELING CONFLICT IN HORN. APROPOS PARA 2 REFTEL, MAMBA ADDED THAT IT WOULD STRENGTHEN HIS HAND VIS-A-VIS HIS SUPERIORS IF GOS WERE TO RECEIVE URGING TO THIS EFFECT FROM WASHINGTON, SUCH AS LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE. (FYI, LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD BE OVERKILL.)

2. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE MAMBA IN HIS ALMOST SINGLEHANDED ATTEMPTS TO GET GOS TO SPEAK OUT IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. THEREFORE RECOMMEND LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER (WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS), INCORPORATING FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S ATTENTION TO AFRICA; SWAZILAND'S LONG AND PRODUCTIVE TRADITION OF SETTLING DISPUTES WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE;  
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IMPORTANCE OF FOCUSING WORLD OPINION ON AFRICAN BLOODSHED IN HORN IN CONFLICT FUELED BY NON-AFRICAN POWER; HOPE THAT SWAZILAND WILL ADD ITS VOICE (IN UNGA) TO THOSE OF OTHERS LOOKING FORWARD TO DE-ESCALATION OF CONFLICT. GIVEN SHORTNESS OF TIME BEFORE UNGA OPENS, SUGGEST SECRETARY'S LETTER BE CABLED FOR DELIVERY TO PRIME MINISTER BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

3. ADVISE.

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